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INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN REPRESENTS PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF SIGINT AVAILABLE TO USJ 794 AS OF 21 APRIL 1967. SECTION ONE - SUMMARY OF AIR DEFENSE AND TACTICAL AIR ACTIVITY FOR 20 AND 21 APRIL. FURTHER HIGHLIGHTING ACTIVITY OF 20 APRIL WAS THE DRV MULTI-CHANNEL REFLECTION OF THE REPORTED SHOTAF ONE HOSTILE AIRCRAFT EACH BY TWO SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE (SAM) BATTALIONS. SAM BATTALION VI451 IN A FRAGMENTARY REPORT, REPORTED THE DESTRUCTION OF ONE AIRCRAFT. THERE WERE NO INDICATIONS OF WHEN THIS REPORTED SHOOTDOWN OCCURRED AND OPERATIONAL DATA INDICATES THAT NO U.S. AIRCRAFT WERE DAMAGED OR DESTROYED IN THIS AREA ON 20 APRIL. RATHER THAN ACTUAL LAUNCH ACTIVITY, THESE COMMUNICATIONS PROBABLY REPRESENT A RECAP OF EVENTS SURROUNDING THE DOWING OF ONE OF THE TWO AIRCRAFT, EITHER THE F105F OR THE A1E, DESTROYED BY DRV MIGS ON 19 APRIL. SAM BATTALION VI450 LAUNCHED ONE, POSSIBLY TWO, SAMs AGAINST A MINIMUM OF ONE HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. ALTHOUGH THE BATTALION REPORTED THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TARGET, OPERATIONAL DATA SUGGESTS THAT THIS WAS THE SITE THAT PROBABLY DAMAGED THE NAVY A4C (JURY 202) REPORTED IN PRELIMINARY AIR ACTIVITY REPORT, 2/06/VCK-E/R76-67. SECC SECTION TWO CONCERNING ABOVE ACTIVITY. A MINIMUM OF 34, POSSIBLY 36, MIG SORTIES WERE FLOWN ON 21 APRIL. HIGHLIGHTING THIS ACTIVITY WAS AN ATTEMPTED INTERCEPT/ATTACK AND DEFENSIVE PATROL FLOWN BY DRV MIGS IN REACTION TO USAF P.M. STRIKE AIRCRAFT (SEE SECTION THREE). MIG ACTIVITY OTHER THAN REPORTED ABOVE CONSISTED OF PRACTICE LOW-LEVEL AIR ATTACKS, NAVIGATIONAL TRAINING AND UNIDENTIFIABLE FLIGHT ACTIVITY. [REDACTED] AAA FACILITIES REFLECTED THE FAILURE OF UNIDENTIFIED [REDACTED] AAA UNITS TO DOWN U.S. AIRCRAFT, POSSIBLY DUE TO U.S. JAMMING TACTICS (SEE SECTION FOUR). THERE WERE NO SIGINT REFLECTIONS OF SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE (SAM) LAUNCH ACTIVITY FOR 21 APRIL. COMINT REFLECTED 17 ACTIVE SAM BATTALIONS: WHILE SIX ELINT IMPACTS WERE OBTAINED [REDACTED] SIGINT REFLECTED 26 ACTIVE RADAR STATIONS USING 44 PIECES OF RADAR EQUIPMENT. INTERCEPT OF DRV AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES (ASF) INDICATES THAT 13 OF THESE STATIONS REPORTED 464 TRACKS. SECTION TWO - SAM BATTALIONS REACT TO U.S. AIRCRAFT 1. FROM 0807Z TO 0837Z, 20 APRIL, DEV SAM MULTICHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS INDICATED THE POSSIBLE SHOOTDOWN OF A U.S. AIRCRAFT. IN A FRAGMENTARY REPORT, BEGINNING AT 0807Z, BETWEEN A SPEAKER PROBABLY AT A SAM BATTALION LOCATED AT 2110N 10530E (VI451) AND AN UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER, THE SPEAKER AT THE SAM BATTALION REPORTED AIRCRAFT APPROACHING FROM THE WEST, TURNING SOUTHWEST, AND ATTACKING AN UNIDENTIFIED TARGET. ONE AIRCRAFT BURST INTO FLAME AND DESCENDED TO THE HEIGHT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED MOUNTAIN, WHEREUPON THE PILOT PARA-CHUTED. IT WAS REPORTED THAT AN UNIDENTIFIED PARTY THEN OPENED

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FIREON THE SECOND AIRCRAFT. AT 0810Z, THE SAM BATTALION SPEAKER WAS ASKED BY THE UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER WHAT THE DISTANCE OF THE ENEMY PARACHUTE WAS (PROBABLY FROM THE SAM BATTALION). THE REPLY WAS THE EQUIPMENT (UNIDENTIFIED) SHOWED IT TO BE APPROXIMATELY 13 TO 15.5 NMS AWAY. THERE WERE NO INDICATIONS OF WHEN THIS REPORTED SHOOTDOWN OCCURRED, AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS INDICATE THAT NO U.S. AIRCRAFT WERE DAMAGED OR DOWNED IN THIS AREA ON 20 APRIL. ON 19 APRIL, ONE F105F AND ONE A1E WERE DOWNED AT 0808Z AND 0858Z RESPECTIVELY. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE INTERCEPT REPORTED ABOVE REPRESENTS A RECAP OF EVENTS SURROUNDING THE DOWNING OF ONE OF THESE AIRCRAFT. THE STATEMENT THAT A PARACHUTE HAD BEEN OBSERVED TENDS TO SUPPORT THIS POSSIBILITY. IF CORRECT, THIS WOULD INDICATE THAT THE DOWNED PILOT MAY HAVE PARACHUTED IN THE AREA OF A MOUNTAIN RANGE NORTH OF ROUTE SIX AND WEST-NORTHWEST OF XUAN HAI (13-15.5 NMS SOUTH OF THE SAM SITE). THE A1E WAS REPORTED DOWNED IN THIS AREA AND THE TWO CREW MEMBERS OF THE F105F WERE REPORTED DOWN ABOUT SIX NMS FURTHER SOUTH. XXIII 88888888

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